

(e) No such action is proposed.

Reduction in Kerosene Quota to West Bengal

1798. SHRINILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal had taken up with Government, the issue of reduction of the States quota of Kerosene from 1,16,000 kl. per month to 85,000 Kl.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that essentially most of the Kerosene oil users cannot afford cooking gas;

(d) if so, whether the increase in cooking gas supply connections can be the basis for reducing Kerosene oil quota; and

(e) if not, by when the quota reduction will be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) A request from Government of West Bengal was received.

(b) to (e) Reduction in kerosene allocation for the current fiscal year has been implemented taking into account the number of LPG connections released during April—September, 2000. The State / Union Territory Administrations are expected to rationalise the distribution of kerosene in case of the ration card holders having LPG connections. The kerosene being given to such consumers should become surplus and be available for distribution to consumers who cannot afford cooking gas. State Governments have been informed accordingly.

Setting up of "Indian Oil Foundation" by IOC

†1799. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Indian Oil Foundation" has been set up by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for safety, protection and promotion of national heritage of India and for providing information about past in future;

(b) if so, whether Gujarat will be incorporated in the second stage after completion of first stage; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.